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SUBJ: MATANZIMA THREATENS FEDERAL SEMINARY WITH EVICTION

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1. IN STATEMENT TO TRANSKEI LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY APRIL 8, CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA ACCUSED THE FEDERAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF "HARBORING LEFTISTS" AND THREATENED ST. BEDE'S ANGLICAN MISSION, WHERE SEMINARY HAS TAKEN TEMPORARY RESIDENCE, (REPAIR) WITH EXPROPRIATION UNLESS IT EXPELLS SEMINARY. PROXIMATE CAUSE MATANZIMA'S REACTION CHURCH SERVICE COMMEMORATING BLACK HEROES' DAY MARCH 25 IN UMTATA AFRICAN TOWNSHIP OF NGANGELIZWE. SEMINARY STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY DISTRIBUTED THREE DOCUMENTS WHICH, ACCORDING MATANZIMA, WERE INTENDED TO "INCITE PEOPLE OF TRANSKEITOWARDS REVOLUTION" AND SHOWED STUDENTS ARE "BENT ON ELIMINATING CHIEFTAINSHIP."

2. FOLLOWING APRIL 9 MEETING BETWEEN MATANZIMA, PRINCIPAL OF ST. BEDE'S ANGLICAN SEMINARY, AND PRINCIPALS OF FEDERAL SEMINARY'S METHODIST AND PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGES, MATANZIMA DECIDED POSTPONE FURTHER ACTION UNTIL SECOND MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FEDERAL SEMINARY, MANY OF WHOM ARE PRESENTLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AWAY ON EASTER VACATION. FOLLOWING MEETING TWO FEDERAL SEMINARY

OFFICIALS STATED THEY TOLD MATANZIMA SEMINARY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SERVICE NOR HAD THEY SEEN DOCUMENTS BEFORE.

3. IN PREPARED STATEMENT RELEASED TO PRESS MATANZIMA THREATNED ALL ANGLICAN PROPERTIES WITH EXPROPRIATION IF ST. BEDE'S CONTINUED HARBOR FEDERAL SEMINARY. MATANZIMA, HOWEVER, DENIED READING THIS PORTION SPEECH TO ASSEMBLY AND STATED IT WRITTEN IN HEAT OF MOMENT.

4. COMMENT: CLASH BETWEEN RADICAL, IN SOUTH AFRICAN TERMS, STUDENTS OF FEDERAL SEMINARY AND CONSERVATIVE TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT WAS INEVITABLE. CONTRIBUTING TO MATANZIMA'S PIQUE IS APPARENT FACT THAT TRANSKEI GOVERNMENT NOT CONSULTED PRIOR SEMINARY'S MOVE TO UMTATA. MATANZIMA APPARENTLY NOT HAPPY TO HAVE LARGE GROUP OF YOUNG ACTIVISTS IN CAPITAL OF HIS NEWLY EMERGING, BUT THOROUGHLY ATAVISTIC, STATE.
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